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1. The approach to the Hela Peninsula from the mainland was blocked by a wire fence with Polish off-limits signboards. The road leading into the restricted area was in good condition.
2. A cantonment with four quartering buildings and one utilities building was located in a woods near the approach to the peninsula. The cantonment was occupied by a Polish guard company, armed with Soviet submachine guns with drum magazines and assigned to guard duty on the peninsula.
3. No troop quarters (Polish or Soviet) were seen on the mainland immediately west of the peninsula.

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4. A workman employed on the peninsula stated that ferro-concrete bunkers were constructed over almost all the peninsula. Only laborers with special permits were authorized to enter the restricted area.

[ ] Comment:

Except for newspaper reports on fortification works on the Hela Peninsula, no confirmatory information is available.

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A-General

1. The Elbe River divides into two branches at MAGDEBURG (L 53/Y 60). The main branch, called the "Stromelbe," flowing westward, is used for shipping. The "Alte Elbe," a stagnant water with many sand banks is unnavigable. Between these two branches, the narrow "Toube Elbe" (also called "Mittel Elbe"), crosses the island formed by the "Stromelbe" and "Alte Elbe" (Stadtspark), and falls into the "Zoll Elbe," which is the approach to the "Zoll-Hafen" (Customs Harbor) from the Stromelbe (see Annex 1).
2. These various branches of the Elbe are crossed by the following bridges, in order from south to north:
  - a. The "buedbruecke" or "Sternbruecke," road bridge across the Stromelbe, which was destroyed and has not been reconstructed.
  - b. The southern railroad bridge, crossing the Stromelbe, Mittelalbe, and Alte Elbe (MAGDEBURG - BUCKAU - BILDERSHITZ) railroad line. For details, see a report of 13 December 1948.
  - c. The road and streetcar bridges:
    - (1) "Strombruecke," across the Stromelbe.
    - (2) "Zollbruecke," across the Zollelbe (Mittelalbe).
    - (3) "Lange Bruecke," across the Alte Elbe.
  - d. Road bridges across the Stromelbe and Alte Elbe:
    - (1) Korbruecke, formerly "Lindenburg bruecke," across the Stromelbe; completely destroyed and not reconstructed.

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(2) "Pionierbruecke," a wooden structure, the western part of which was destroyed and not reconstructed.

e. Railroad bridge on the MAGDEBURG-BERLIN line, with two tracks, both of which are serviceable. For details see a report of 19 December 1948.

B - Detailed Data on Road and Streetcar Bridges

3. "Strombruecke" (para 2c (1)).

- a. Pinpoint location: 400 m east of Kachausstrasse.
- b. Street names leading to bridges: Extension of Johannisstrasse. Six hundred meters north of the bridge is the junction between Sollicbe and Stromelbe .
- c. Length: 150 meters.
- d. Width: From 12 to 15 meters estimated.
- e. Height above river or stream: 6.3 meters.
- f. Type of construction: Steel truss bridge. Two stone river piers. Three spans, with an estimated length of 40 to 50 meters each.
- g. State of repair: The bridge was demolished, but the piers were undamaged. Bridge is in good condition. Approach on eastern bank is impeded by a curve.
- h. Conspicuous adjacent landmarks: None.
- i. Load capacity: Unlimited
- j. See Annex 2.

4. "Zollbruecke" (para 2c (2))

- a. Pinpoint location: 200 meters <sup>east</sup> of Strombruecke
- b. Street names leading to bridges: --
- c. Length: 60 meters.
- d. Width: 12 meters (estimated)
- e. Clearance: 6 meters (estimated).
- f. Type of construction: Stone bridge with 2 supports; 3 spans of 20 meters each.
- g. State of repair: Fair.
- h. Load capacity: Unlimited
- i. Conspicuous adjacent landmarks: None.
- j. See Annex 3.

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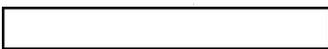
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5. "Large Bruecke" (See c.(3) above).

- a. Pinpoint location: 250 meters east of Colibruecke; 2.6 km south of large railroad bridge (current number 5).
- c. Length: 200 meters (estimated).
- d. Width: 12 meters (estimated).
- e. Height: above river or stream: 5 meters.
- f. Type of construction: stone bridge with 10 supports and 11 spans of about 13 meters each.
- g. State of repair: reconstructed after partial demolition; in good condition.
- h. Conspicuous adjacent landmarks: None.
- i. Load capacity: unlimited.
- j. See Annex 4.

- Annexes:
- 1. Elbe River Bridges in MAGDEBURG.
  - 2. Road Bridge (No. 3a) across the Elbe River. (present bed of Elbe River)
  - 3. Road Bridge (No. 3b) across the Elbe River (Custom Harbor).
  - 4. Road Bridge (No. 3c) across the Elbe River (old bed of Elbe River).

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